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NATIONAL NOMINEES.

Hon. D. W. Bushyhead, Principal
Chief.

Hon. R. Bunch, Assistant Chief.

PLATFORM
OF THE
National Party.

1st. The National Party pledges itself to uphold and maintain the existing form of government of the Cherokee people, and will seek to transmit it unimpaired to their posterity.

2d. It will strive to retain the National domain entire, that there may be lands and homes for every member of the Cherokee Nation.

3rd. It will endeavor to secure a faithful and impartial administration of law toward every member of the Nation.

4th. It will endeavor to place the means of a sound education within the reach of every child in the Cherokee Nation, and thus give its support to schools and education; recognizing the declaration incorporated by our fathers in framing our constitution, that religion, morality and knowledge are necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind.

5th. It will seek to obtain an economical administration of the government of the Nation by electing men of capacity, integrity, efficiency and patriotism, to every office or place of honor and trust under the government of the Nation.

6th. It will endeavor to merit and receive the regard and protection of the government of the United States, by an honorable course of conduct in its dealings with all persons, and by a faithful adherence to the letter and spirit of the treaties with and laws of the United States now in force for their protection in the Indian Territory.

7th. It will try to preserve the honor of the Nation by prompt and faithfully meeting all of its past just obligations, and its credit by avoiding every unnecessary expense, whether in the administration of law at home, or by the employment of needless delegates or attorneys in transacting the public business elsewhere.

8th. It will favor the reunion of the Cherokees as one people, under one government and one set of laws.

9th. It will favor the investment of only such funds as may be actually necessary to properly conduct the affairs of the Nation, to provide for its educational interests and any emergency that may arise, and thereafter making an equitable distribution of the remainder among the people.

10th. It will lend its example and influence in obtaining fair elections for all offices under the Constitution and laws of the Nation.

11th. It will endeavor to cultivate relations of amity and kindness between the people of the Cherokee and those of other Indian Nations.

12th. It will favor the fostering of industry, the encouragement of enterprise, and the development of the resources of the Nation by a wise and liberal policy toward labor.

13th. It will use its influence to develop, especially, the agricultural and stock-growing interests, by lending its support to the establishment of stock, agricultural and mechanical fairs.

14th. In its efforts to carry the foregoing principles into effect, the National Party invites the co-operation of all good citizens, without regard to previous party connection or association.

UNION NOMINEES.

Hon. Chas. Thompson, (Oo-ta-lah) Principal Chief.

Hon. Chas. Rogers, Asst. Chief.

PLATFORM
OF THE
UNION PARTY.

For the better protection of the nationality of the Cherokee people to be used in this present system of government, also to organize ourselves into a political association to be known as the Keetoowah society.

We the people of the Cherokee Nation in convention assembled,

in view of carefully considering our common welfare. It is far different from what it was in the age of our forefathers. When in that time our ancestors had a self and distinct government, which has never been abolished. And also there existed the strongest ties of friendship, it was as one family assembled around the fire smoking their tobacco and assisting each other and for the protection of their homes they were provided with a little ammunition.

1st. Therefore we pledge ourselves to support one another and also we will be as one family joined together by this platform, as if we had affirmed it with an oath and will seek to transmit it unimpaired to our posterity.

2d. And will have from time to time leading managers in the several districts and when necessary the leading managers will give information to each other the appointment of conventions without delay at the same time advancing and amending our platform, when meeting together a full explanation will be made of the object of such meeting and each district manager advance the names of members of the Keetoowah Society to have registered in the general convention.

3rd. Our great aim will be that our Constitution and Laws of our government shall be supreme and respected.

4th. Our treaties and intercours laws made between the U. S. government and the Cherokee Nation, and all compacts made between the several tribes of Indians shall be supreme.

5th. We emphatically oppose uniting with either of the political parties of the U. S.

6th. We also protest against ever being placed under the laws of the U. S.

7th. All secret associations that are detrimental to our government, originating from the U. S., can never be accepted as members of the Keetoowah Society.

8th. It will be the duty of the members to defend the Keetoowah platform and organization from all opposition.

9th. Also it will be duty to courageously protect our government.

10th. It will be the duty of the several districts to elect their third General Head Managers, also, there will be three district managers elected in each district by the members for the purpose of managing their several districts, and three district judges managers in each district to organize lodges.

11th. These three general head managers will convene semi-annually in general convention with all the members of the Society.

12th. All by-laws shall be made in general convention and shall have the force of the platform, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.

13th. And all platforms or parts of platforms and by-laws conflicting with this form and laws are of no force and are hereby repealed.

14th. There shall be no secret in the Keetoowah Society.

The Indian Troubles.

It would have been a dreadful thing if so fine a soldier as General Crook and so many brave officers and soldiers had been treacherously murdered by the Apaches, as was at first reported. It is an unpleasant thing to contemplate, this Indian war in the mountains of the west, by which many valuable lives will be lost, million dollars expended, and the industrial pursuits of the region arrested. It is not an agreeable reflection that along our frontier there must be war—merciless, cruel war—until the last remnant of a once splendid race is driven to death.

It is long since we, the white people, came as invaders to this continent. We found it in possession of a simple, generous people—a race which had many virtues and a few vices. They subsisted by the chase. If there were wars among the different tribes, we at least may not declare the fact an exceptional characteristic of savage life.

Our diseases and drinks have destroyed that people. We have stolen and appropriated their lands; have occupied their hunting grounds, and have driven them to the occupation of reserved localities, where they have been plundered, robbed and outraged by the officials we have placed over them. We have denied them the rights of citizenship and the equal protection of the laws. We imported Africans as slaves, held them in bondage until they numbered four millions of people and then made them citizens. We have invited immigrants from European lands and without regard to their moral character or qualifications for citizenship have given them the suffrage. But to the Indian, the only genuine American, the only uncringing denizen of the country, the least

tainted by common vices—we have refused the equal rights which we loudly vaunt as obtainable here. In less than four hundred years the Indians have dwindled to a handful and we have swelled to invincible millions. Within less than a half century, half a continent has been wrested from their grasp. Still we persecute them and they see before them the inevitable destruction of their race.

The Apaches with whom we are now warring are the remnants of a great and brave tribe. They have been at war with the Mexicans for a century. The Americans and these Indians see their impending fate.

The Indian knows the history of his race. The Apache in Arizona is conversant with the story of American aggression from the time of King Philip's wars down to the Modoc resistance in the lava beds. The story of Indian wrongs is a bloody epic from the landing of Columbus in 1492 to the present day. The story of Pizarro and Cortes is a series of bloody and brutal tragedies, that ended in the wrenching of Mexico from its Indian owners. In like manner we have torn the states from their possession. On every side the circle of arms has drawn in upon them and they have been despoiled.

They know the treaties made with their race all over the continent, and they have seen every treaty violated, and every obligation that honor, morality or manhood would respect set aside. They have seen Indians driven into reservations, starved on them, and at the convenience of their oppressors driven away again. They have experienced the mercenary heartlessness of the Indian trader, the thieving unscrupulousness of Indian rings, the hypocrisy of the Christian and the Quaker who have been sent among them to preach piety and peace. They have been swindled in their bargains, inoculated with vile diseases, decimated and destroyed by deceptions they knew not before our advent.

The Apaches with whom we now contend have been driven from the plains and valleys, that the plains and valleys might sustain cattle and sheep instead of game. Driven away, they have stolen from the white men's herds. The Scotch highland chieftain did the same—from their fastnesses made forays on village and hamlet. The saxon lords did the same, and boast of it in the history of gallant deeds. They plundered and murdered treacherously and cowardly on the Rhine did the same.

The assassinations or massacres by these Indians are dreadful, it is true; but let us not forget Glencoe and St. Bartholomew. The Apache mutilates his dead; let us recall the burning of witches in New England. The Apache is merciless in his killing; Grant fired a mile beneath Longstreet's brigade at Petersburg; let us recall the massacre at Ft. Pillow, the starvation at Andersonville.

War is war, and the strategy that can produce death is the art of war. Let us give the murdering Apache the benefit of admitting that he is at war, and that he is practicing the art of war according to his code and the teachings of his civilization; that he is at the advantage of his enemy and must fight with such arms as he can obtain against arms of precision; that unless he gains the advantage of position he will be annihilated with the machinery of war.

That the annihilation may be speedy is a wish born of sympathy for our own people, our own race and color, to whom is due sympathy in this enangulated struggle which thieving traders and swindling Indian agents render unavoidable. But while giving that sympathy, we are not disposed to magnify the evils and atrocities of Indian warfare and shut our eyes to the manifold wrongs and provocations the Indian has endured.—Sedalia Bazar.

THE ROLL OF GRADUATES.

Commencement Exercises at a Score of Colleges and Seminaries.

The anniversary exercises of the Kirkwood Seminary, conducted by the Misses Sneed, came off last evening at the Athenaeum, at the close of its twenty-second year. The Seminary has received this year a large accession of pupils with its increased popularity, counting among them residents of Texas, Illinois, Missouri, the Indian Territory, Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado, and other states. The art exhibition, including only the work of the past year, well merited the admiration it excited among the many who assembled to inspect it. The crayon heads, executed by the pupils under the teachings of Miss Anna Sneed, who is herself a fine artist, were beautifully penciled. The decorative

art work in tinted applique tainence and painted mirrors was shown on stands and easels. Two mirrors, with frames delicately tinted, were especially handsome—one painted in dogwood blossoms and water lilies, and the other with sprays of rosy apple blossoms on the upper edge and a pretty water scene on the lower; golden-hearted water lilies floating upon the smooth bosom of the lake. The sewing department has also accomplished wonders under the care of Mrs. B. Gratz Brown, Mrs. E. W. Halsey, Mrs. Ganse, Mrs. John B. Henderson, Mrs. Tudor, Mrs. Goodell and others. Ten of the young ladies wore, on Tuesday evening, when the baccalaureate sermon was preached, pretty costumes of different hues nun's veiling, all made, cut and fitted by themselves, and even the youngest children have learned the art of sewing. The Athenaeum was filled with guests from St. Louis, besides the residents of the village. Last evening the exercises began with the Kirkwood Seminary March, to the lively tune of which the pupils marched in and took their places on the platform, winding upward, led by a little creature of 5 years of age, the namesake and niece of Miss Anna Sneed, in a blue silk slip with robe of white lace. When all were seated a prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Warner, followed by the opening anthem "O, Sing to God," by Gounod, sung in chorus by the whole school. Over the platform was observed the class motto of 1883, "Maintien le droit."

There were five graduates. Miss Cora Archer, the dark eyed Indian maiden, was the valedictorian, and Miss Hattie C. Schaffer delivered the salutatory. The other ladies were Misses Mary B. Sanwick, Bessie B. Ganse and Ella Adair. Of these, Miss Sanwick was absent, having been summoned home to attend the death-bed of her father. Miss Schaffer's salutatory was well written, although somewhat faintly rendered by the young ladies.

Miss Cora Archer, who is the daughter of Col. Archer, of the Indian Territory, and whose sister graduated last year at Miss Sneed's seminary with such credit, read a fine essay on "The Burdens of the Nineteenth Century." Miss Bessie P. Ganse, the pretty and talented daughter of the Rev. Dr. Ganse, gave an essay entitled "Society and Society." Miss Swanwick's witty essay on the "Mysterious Stranger" was read in her absence by Miss Barr, a graduate of last year. Miss Adair, the daughter of Dr. Adair, of the Cherokee Nation, read her essay, "A Chat About the Cherokees," and gave a laughable picture of the mistaken estimate in which this nation is held in civilization with fine humor and effect. It was highly enjoyed by the audience and much commended by the Rev. Dr. Ganse, President of the Board, who acted as master of ceremonies as usual. Miss Schaffer's address, on "Force versus Inertia," was listened to with interest, and was followed, after a vocal solo by Miss Cora Archer's valedictory address, which was pronounced with eloquent feeling.

The diplomas were presented to the graduates by the Rev. Dr. Ganse, with an appropriate and facetious address. This was followed by the presentation of prizes for different degrees of excellence in tuition and deportment, accompanied always by apt remarks from Dr. Ganse.

The musical part of the programme, under the able management of Miss Lathrop, who has taken Miss Mary Sneed's place during her recent indisposition, was remarkably good, showing skillful training, included "The Violet," by Misses L. De Yong, Grace Geary, M. Hill; piano solo, Rondo Brillante, by Miss Grace Geary; semi-chorus, by Misses L. De Yong, O. Burgess, E. Adair, M. Hill, B. Geary, B. Noelling, M. Lake and B. Geary; overture, from Semiramide, with two pianos and two violins, Misses Ganse, Burgess, Adair, Miss B. Barr and Mr. Geeks; vocal solo "O Mio Fernando," by Miss Margaret Hill, and the parting song.

The floral offerings made by admirers to the graduates covered all the front of the platform, filling the air with fragrance. One was a very large ship of flowers.

Miss Mary Sneed, who has been all winter for her health at the Sanitarium, at Clifton Springs, New York, did not take part in the exercises, as she has just returned home, but will resume her duties the coming fall.

Perfect order was preserved by the ushers, Dr. Henry Fisher, Maj. Kimball, Bown and Frank Hough. The evening closed with pleasure and satisfaction to both parents and pupils with a parting song sung by the whole school in chorus and a closing prayer by the Rev. Dr. Shields.—Cibola Democrat June 8th.

Fl Gibson Get-Off.

BY SOMEBODY'S DARLING.

Mr. Harry Nash, from Bluejack Station, was visiting friends last week. His stay was brief, however.

Mr. M. Sykes, Maj. Bates' ward, has returned to this place from Fayetteville where he has been a student of the A. I. U.

We have been getting more rain than our share. The earth is so wet that it gives off an unwholesome effluvia. This will give labor to our pharmaceutical faculty.

Our school teacher had his funeral sermon preached at one of the chief residences in this city, some few days in the past. He informed us that he did not attend, but thinks he will wear crape.

Mrs. Percival is anxiously looking forward to the return of her daughter, Miss Rosa, who has been attending school in St. Louis. Miss Rosa will be a pleasant acquisition.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school under the superintendency of Rev. Chas. Miller, is made very interesting. He makes the lessons lucid and instructive. Capt. Hyde manages the M. E. S., and it flourishes quite well.

Fort Gibson has a new traveling artist whose muslin pagoda rears its sides in plain view. Wend thither, young gentlemen, and have those masculine charms stereotyped in a *carte de visite*, for she who haunts your dreams.

Terpsichore presided over an entertainment recently given at the reading room. The music was good and the dancing enjoyable because the participants were gleeful.

We have had an ecclesiastical outpouring of the gospel here for two weeks. We hardly think there were many converts, still we hope some good was effected.

The Grand and Arkansas are in high water pride again, which enabled "Fort Smith" to make an easy trip to our shores. She brought in a cargo of salt for Tahlequah.

LIGHTNING CREEK FLASHES.

BY J. H. B.

Considerable rain.

Mr. J. E. Campbell has returned from St. Louis.

The Viridis was considerably swollen all last week.

Hog buyers are plentiful in the country, just now.

Mr. Childs, who has sub-leased a portion of the land west of 96, for grazing purposes, passed here the other day, en route there with 600 head of cattle.

Cattle are beginning to look well. There are about three buyers to every saleable animal.

The colored doubtful citizens of Big Creek, Goose Neck, Snow Creek and Lightning Creek have adopted one platform for them to be governed by in the future.

Big Creek and Lightning Creek colored public schools will have a public examination. One will close Thursday and the other Friday the 28th and 29th of June. The patrons of each school will give a barbecue. All are invited.

In looking over the columns of Burlington (Kan.) *Republican* we have come to the conclusion that the editor has forgotten the first principles upon which it was founded. Brother Hebron, in his salutatory, said emphatically that the columns of the *Republican* would be devoted to the interest of Burlington and Coffey county; but it seems to be devoted principally to the interest of nothing, whittled down to a fine point. The boiled essence of all the editorials being criticisms on the editor of the *Chief*, and we are led to exclaim in vain, in vain, for something of interest we look its columns through. If the highest aim of the *Republican* is to throw as much, or more dirt than the *Patriot*, it might as well suspend, for it can't do it. When a newspaper editor tries to unearth the past life and business of another he lowers himself to the level of common street hars and tattlers, and virtually loses the respect for himself and the influence of his paper in his community. The *Republican* and *Patriot* are both fast becoming a nuisance and should be declared such by the post office department. Let Brown rest one week, Scott, and give us the news in general.

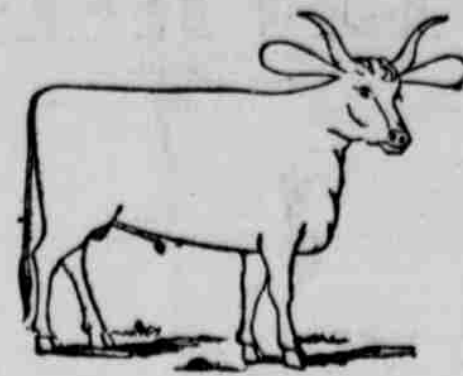
Programme of Closing Exercises of Female Seminary.

Written examinations, June 20, 21, 22 and 23.

Sermon to graduates, 3 p. m., 24, by Rev. N. J. Crawford.

Oral examinations and reading of grades, 28. Parents are especially invited to be present on this day.

Commencement, June 28th. Exercises to commence at 9:30, a. m.



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